

Comments on the proposed conservation of the specific name of *Parapronoe crustulum* Claus, 1879 (Crustacea, Amphipoda)

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I wish to provide updated information in regard to the above application and also to address some concerns drawn to my attention by Prof L.B. Holthuis regarding the selection of a lectotype for the nominal species *Typhis rapax* Milne-Edwards, 1830.

My application was made as a result of my studies of material labelled as *Typhis rapax* held by the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris and the Zoologisk Museum, Copenhagen University (Zeidler, 1996). I determined that the Paris Museum has two syntype specimens of *Typhis rapax* which upon examination proved to be the same as *Parapronoe crustulum* Claus, 1879. These I selected as lectotype and paralectotype of *T. rapax* (Zeidler, 1996). I took this course of action for the following reasons:

1. The specimens in the Paris Museum are almost certainly syntypes, judging by the accompanying labels and published information.

2. The original description of *Typhis rapax* is consistent with that of *Parapronoe crustulum* Claus, 1879 but not of *Hemityphis tenuimanus* Claus, 1879 with which it has been synonymised since Stephensen (1925).

3. I have examined the specimen of '*Typhis rapax*' in the Copenhagen Museum (CRU-668) referred to by Stephensen (1925). It is clearly the same as *Hemityphis tenuimanus*. It may represent syntype material but there is little supporting evidence other than that the specimen was presented to the Copenhagen Museum in Krøyer's time by Milne-Edwards. The label with the specimen reads '*Typhis rapax* M.E., Atlanterhav Milne-Edw. Kr.'.

As a result of my investigations, outlined above, I rejected the possibility of selecting the Copenhagen specimen as a lectotype of *T. rapax* and thus conserving both the names *crustulum* and *rapax* in their accustomed senses. Consequently I found it necessary to make my submission to the Commission for the suppression of the name *rapax*. I had hoped that publication of my paper (Zeidler, 1996) would precede that of my submission to the Commission but they were eventually published at about the same time.

Reference

Zeidler, W. 1996. On the identity of *Typhis rapax* H. Milne-Edwards, 1830 (Amphipoda, Hyperiidea). *Crustaceana*, 69(6): 734–741.

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